GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO POLIO AFFECTED CHILDREN
Jogi Shri Ajit

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated or proposes to formulate scheme for providing Rs.10,000 (Rs. Ten thousand) to every Polio affected child for the treatment of the disease as well as for providing artificial limbs to them;

(b) if so,the details thereof;

(c) the criteria laid down for providing the financial assistance to the Polio affected children;

(d) whether this scheme has been implemented;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a)to(c) Yes Sir, Under the scheme of corrective surgery and rehabilitation existing Polio affected children in the age group of 3-18 years in the country will be covered. The scheme is functional through the States Health and Family Welfare Societies which will use State/District level hospitals for corrective surgeries. The States Health and Family Welfare Societies may entrust the work relating to identification, assessment of polio patients requiring corrective surgery, arrangements for their transportation, food, stay etc during pre, post and the time of actual surgery to the NGOs who are already engaged in this field and having a good reputation and proven record of at least five years of work.
The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare will release funds to the Health Family Welfare Societies of the States/UTs included in the Scheme. The State Society reimburses up-to a maximum of Rs.6000/- per case to the concerned Hospital for undertaking corrective surgery which can be used for capacity building of the Operation Theatres/Indoor Wards of the Hospital as well as for meeting the cost of medical and surgical consumables required during the corrective surgery. The NGO may be paid up-to a maximum of Rs.2000/- per case for aids and appliances only once and up-to a maximum of additional Rs.2000/- per case for food, stay, transportation, physiotherapy etc. of the patient.

(d)&(e) Yes Sir, The funds for corrective surgery and rehabilitation have already been disbursed to the State Government of Bihar, Uttaranchal, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.

(f) The States has been requested to send their proposal for implementation of the scheme.